

Now more than ever before the BPL setup referred to in the NOI is a real mistake that could have terrible consequences.

In today's world homeland defense and emergency communications are extremely important. Emergency Amateur radio response teams and civil defense organizations make extensive use of high frequency (HF) spectrum to respond to disasters, emergencies and homeland attacks. Deployment of BPL could affect every amateur and civil defense organization in communities where it's employed by significantly increasing radio noise levels making it harder and some times impossible to organize emergency response over the radio. The effect would be most pronounced in urban areas, the most sensitive areas to terrorist attack.

The federal government recognizes the importance of amateur radio operators in providing communications in times of civil emergencies and attacks on the homeland. Through the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal government is funding an expansion of the pool of amateur radio operators trained to respond to emergencies, why is the FCC at the same time considering BPL, which will limit the effectiveness of emergency response HF radio communications?

When we already have broadband access over telephone lines (DSL), via satellite, via cable, and via wireless, why is the FCC considering adding yet another method of connecting individuals to the internet at the cost of the effectiveness of homeland security?